

## **Summary of Council Meeting**

The Council met on 15 September 2016 from 10.30am to 5.30pm. There were 11 items on the agenda and 5 pieces of correspondence were tabled for consideration.

The Council considered reports from the Veterinary Nursing Committee, the Veterinary Education and Training Committee and the Practice Premises Committee.

### Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)

The VNC met on 31 August 2016 from 9.30am to 11.00am. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda and two pieces of correspondence for consideration.

The VNC reviewed and amended the VNCP annual report and agreed to prepare the VNCP visitation panel training. It was agreed that each VNCP should be requested to submit 50 MCQ's on specific topics to be used as part of the VN registration examination.

The VNC also considered the contents of the RCVS/BVNA Veterinary Nurse Futures Report.

### Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 31 August 2016 from 11.00am to 1.00pm. There were 15 items tabled on the agenda.

The VETC considered three CVE waiver applications and one application to join the Specialist Register. The VETC discussed a number of other matters all of which are ongoing.

### Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 7 September 2016 from 10.30am to 1.00pm. There were 9 items listed on the agenda.

The PPC agreed to issue certificates of suitability to 10 newly registered premises and to revoke the certificate of suitability for 3 premises.

### Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered three applications for an Inquiry involving three practitioners and one application for an Inquiry involving a veterinary nurse.

### Reports of Authorised Officers

The Council considered two reports from one of its authorised officers in respect of allegations concerning non-registered persons carrying out acts of veterinary medicine. The Council decided that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with a prosecution in both matters.

### Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting.

Register of Veterinary Practitioners - It was reported that there are 35 new entries to the Register and 12 names restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the

Register the names of the 4 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

Register of Veterinary Nurses – It was reported that there are 6 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act and 1 name restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the name of the 1 veterinary nurse who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

It was reported that the death of 3 veterinary practitioners had occurred since the last Council meeting – John O’Driscoll (35/56), Henry Wall (09/60) and Paul White (55/90). A minutes silence was observed in their honour.

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 3 November 2016 @10.00am.